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In re application of:

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Serial No.: 09/813,093

Group Art Unit: 1653

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For: METHOD FOR PURIFICATION OF MOLECULES USING UNBRANCHED
TERMINAL ALKYLDIOLS

Response to Office Action of July 21, 2003

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Arlington, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

I. Introduction

Applicants respectfully file this Response to the Office Action of July 21, 2003. Further, Applicants respectfully petition for a one-month extension of time. Please charge the extension of time fee and any other required fees and credit any credits to deposit account 02-2334.

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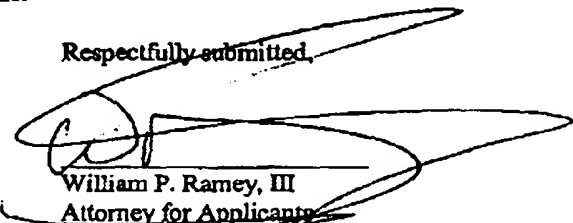
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not a valid obviousness rejection. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, in light of this argument and the teachings of the prior art.

V. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of this Application. Should the Examiner feel an interview would further the prosecution of the case, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney. Please charge any required fees and credit any credits to deposit account number 02-2334. Further please charge the deposit account for a one month extension of time.

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